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MEMORANDUM TO: MR. BISSELL

SUBJECT : Comments on Attached Memo, Subject: Process-
ing of Raw Intelligence Information from
Overflights

Some time ago we had a conversation concerning the subject of paragraph 3 (attached memo); that is, the extra dividends that might accrue to the Intelligence Community as a by-product of our operations. In our conversation we recognized that studies could be made concerning the reaction to our activities. As you remember, we were in agreement that such studies might themselves be of parallel importance to our primary operation. I am not aware of any action that you may have taken to insure that such studies are being made. If you like, I will initiate action to outline the requirements and use of such studies and I visualize NSA assuming the major role.

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Director of Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Processing of Raw Intelligence Information
from Overflights

1. It is my understanding that positive intelligence information collected from overflights will be processed in the following ways:

a. Photographic materials (including radar photographs) will be processed through Automat.

b. Tape recordings from the "radar monitoring system" and from the ELINT package will be translated and processed by an organization either established in OSI or in some organization related to the government ELINT program.

c. Tape recordings from the VHF monitoring system will be translated and processed by organizations concerned with special intelligence.

I believe that as far as paragraphs b and c are concerned, there has been no firm assignment of responsibility in terms of processing and evaluation of this information.

2. For operational purposes, it is my plan to prepare dossiers on each completed mission. These dossiers will include mission planning data, mission monitoring data, pilot's observations, translations of VHF monitoring equipment, translations of radar monitoring tape (if containing intelligence of an operational nature), mission log, tracking camera plot, photographic plots produced by OPI and summaries of reactions and/or reflections generated by the mission but derived from special intelligence. The summaries just referred to may well follow a mission by as much as three weeks. I consider that obtaining and presentation of such operational data in the dossiers to be my responsibility and shall, unless otherwise directed, proceed to prepare accordingly.

3. I wish to call attention to the fact that the materials which I prepare in the dossiers will undoubtedly contain information which

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will have high value to intelligence research components. I am not aware who will have the responsibility to analyze this material. If you could find out which Agency is to perform this function, I would like very much to commence working out the liaison details with the appropriate individuals.



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